

BUILD SKILLS

The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls • Thanatopsis • Old Ironsides • *from* Snowbound

LITERARY ANALYSIS

In poetry, syllables are arranged in patterns called **meter**. Some syllables are stressed and some are unstressed. The meter is the arrangement of these stressed and unstressed syllables.

- The basic unit of meter is called the foot. The type and number of feet in a line of poetry determines the poem's meter.
- A foot usually has one stressed and one or more unstressed syllables.
- One type of foot is called the *iamb*. An iamb is one unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable.
- One pattern of iambs is *iambic tetrameter* which has four iambs per line. The following line from *Snowbound* is in iambic tetrameter. Count the four iambs. The stressed syllables are capitalized.

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READING STRATEGY

Summarizing helps you to check your understanding of what you have read. To summarize:

- Accurately state the main ideas and supporting details of a work or section of a work.
- Use your own words.

Summarize each poem using the following chart.

| Poem | Main Idea | Supporting Details |
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